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MEMORANDUM

To: Agency Procurement Officials, Agency Purchasing Agents
From: Joseph A. Giddis,
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Subject: Procurement Law and Regulations, August 2003

The 84th Legislative Session made several changes in the Procurement Law. The regulations implementing those changes have made their way through the Administrative Procedures Act process and will become effective on August 11, 2003. A copy of the regulations may be found at <http://www.state.ar.us/dfa/purchasing/lawsandregs.html>.

Major changes include:

Professional Consultant Services (PSC) contracting regulations primarily in the 19-11-1001 through 19-11-1012. Other sections of the Procurement Law contain references to PSC.

Information Technology review requirements, 19-11-229

Steps associated with registering online as a vendor, 19-11-217

Ability to examine "past performance" as a factor to aid in evaluating bids. 19-11-229

Explanation of the "negotiation" process with vendors after proposals are opened.
19-11-230

Minority participation in competitive sealed proposals, Act 1814 of 2003. 19-11-230

Professional consultant Services contracting using the "sole source" method.
Requirements for justification. 19-11-232

Explanation of the procedures for determining responsibility/non-responsibility of vendors
19-11-235

Changes in the debarment process/hearing 19-11-708

Requirements for approval of architects, interior designers, engineers, land surveyors and lawyers. 19-11-801